



**Fire Service in Placer County
Foresthill Forum
September 14th**



Agenda

- 1. General Overview**
- 2. Office of Emergency Services (OES)**
- 3. County Framework on Fire**
- 4. But First, a Short Video**



General Overview

Who Provides Fire Service

Problem Statement:

Fire Service in the western slope is provided through a legacy system built in the middle of the last century that has not kept pace with societal changes and is generally underfunded, especially when factors such as drought and escalating costs are factored into the equation.



Placer County Office of Emergency Services What We Do:

Emergency Management and Coordination

- Preparedness**
- Prevention**
- Response**
- Recovery**
- Mitigation**



Fire Service Delivery

Current Fire Service Model: Cities, County, and Independent Fire Districts

- **Multiple challenges system wide**
- **Funding challenges for all of us**
- **Key: Work together to find solutions**






Fire Service Funding

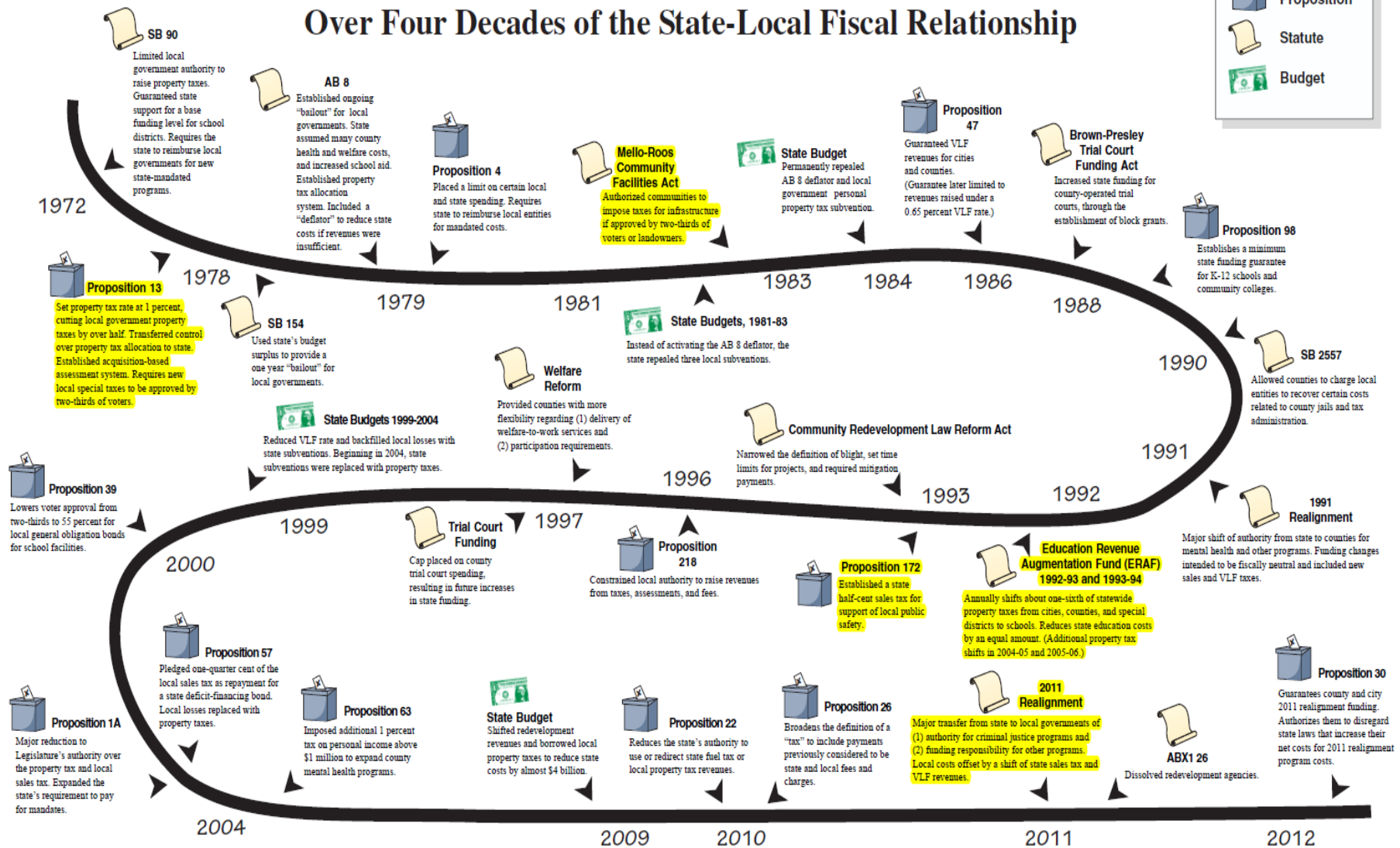
Key points:

- Funding varies across the county
- Complicated by state legislative actions and voter initiatives over decades
- Different fire districts fund fire service differently

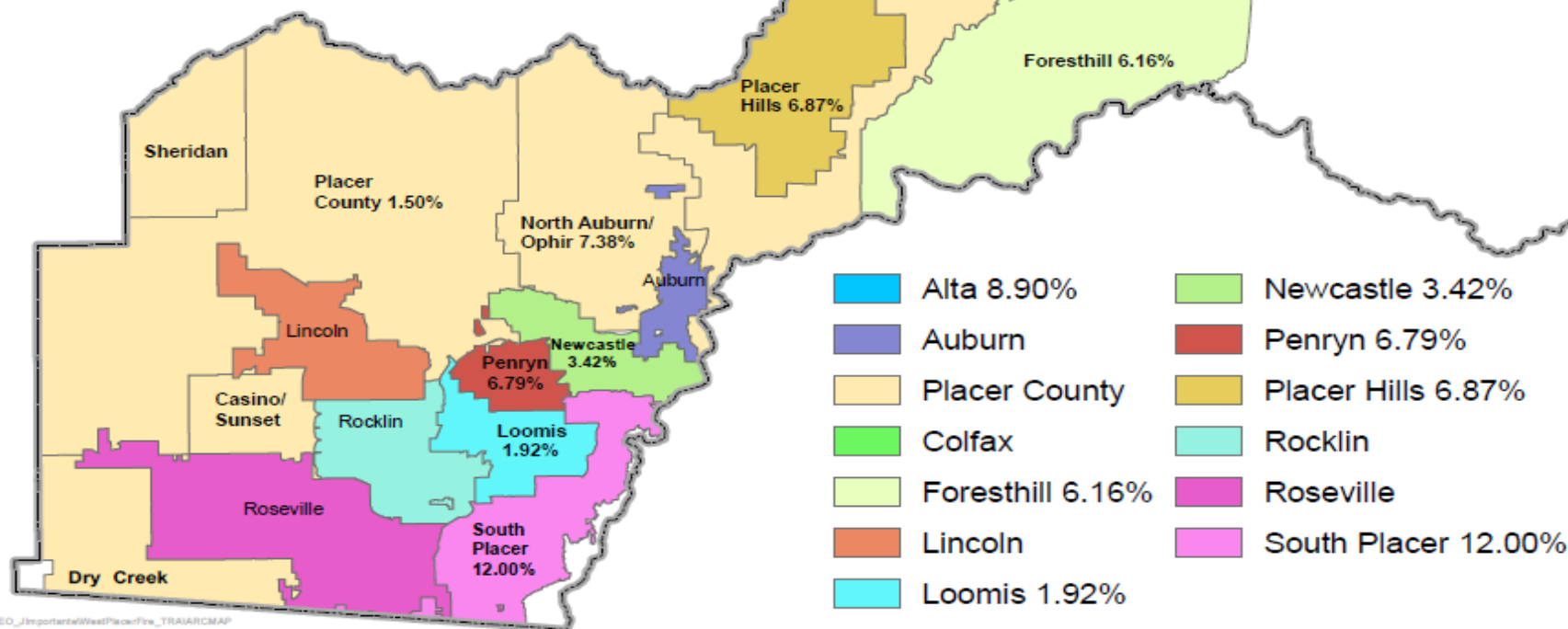
Lots of pie charts and bar graphs coming up...

Major Milestones: Over Four Decades of the State-Local Fiscal Relationship

 **Proposition**
 **Statute**
 **Budget**



West Placer County Fire Protection Districts Property Tax Allocation



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PLACER COUNTY 2015 - 2016 PROPERTY TAX BILL

09/10/2015
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Jenine Windeshausen, Treasurer/Tax Collector

2976 Richardson Drive, Auburn, CA 95603, (530) 889-4120, www.placer.ca.gov/tax

SECURED TAX ROLL FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2015 - JUNE 30, 2016

PROPERTY INFORMATION	IMPORTANT MESSAGES
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COUNTY VALUES, EXEMPTIONS, AND TAXES				
PHONE #	DESCRIPTION	PRIOR	CURRENT	BILLED
VALUATIONS (530) 889-4300	LAND	0	68959	68959
TAX RATES (530) 889-4160		0	0	0
EXEMPTIONS (530) 889-4300		0	0	0
PAYMENTS (530) 889-4120	STRUCTURAL IMPROVEMENTS	0	175205	175205
PERS PROP (530) 889-4300		0	0	0
ADDR CHGS (530) 889-4300		0	0	0
GEN. INQ. (530) 889-4120	H HOMEOWNERS EXEMPTION	0	-7000	-7000
		0	0	0
NET TAXABLE VALUE				237164
VALUES X TAX RATE PER \$100 1.000000				2371.6400

VOTER APPROVED TAXES / TAXING AGENCY DIRECT CHARGES & SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS / FEES					
PHONE #	CODE	DESCRIPTION	ASSESSED VALUE	X	TAX RATE / 100 = TAX AMOUNT
(530) 889-4173	35400	Placer High B&I 1999 Series A-Non Refunding	237164	0.006716	20.6800
(530) 889-4173	35402	Placer High B&I 1999 Series B	237164	0.003281	7.7800
(530) 889-4173	35403	Placer High B&I 1999 Series C	237164	0.002952	6.2800

PHONE #	DESCRIPTION	DIR CHRG	PHONE #	DESCRIPTION	DIR CHRG	PHONE #	DESCRIPTION	DIR CHRG
(800) 273-5167	Placer Mosquito & Vector C	27.0400	(530) 367-2465	Foresthill Fire Protection Distr	421.3600	(530) 367-2511	Foresthill PUD Asmt 2	46.2600

		AGENCY TAXES	34.7400
		DIRECT CHARGES	194.6600
		FEES	\$0.00
	PENALTY & COST	0.00	
	AGENCY TAXES + DIRECT CHARGES + FEES + PENALTY + COST + DELINQUENT PENALTIES		\$229.40

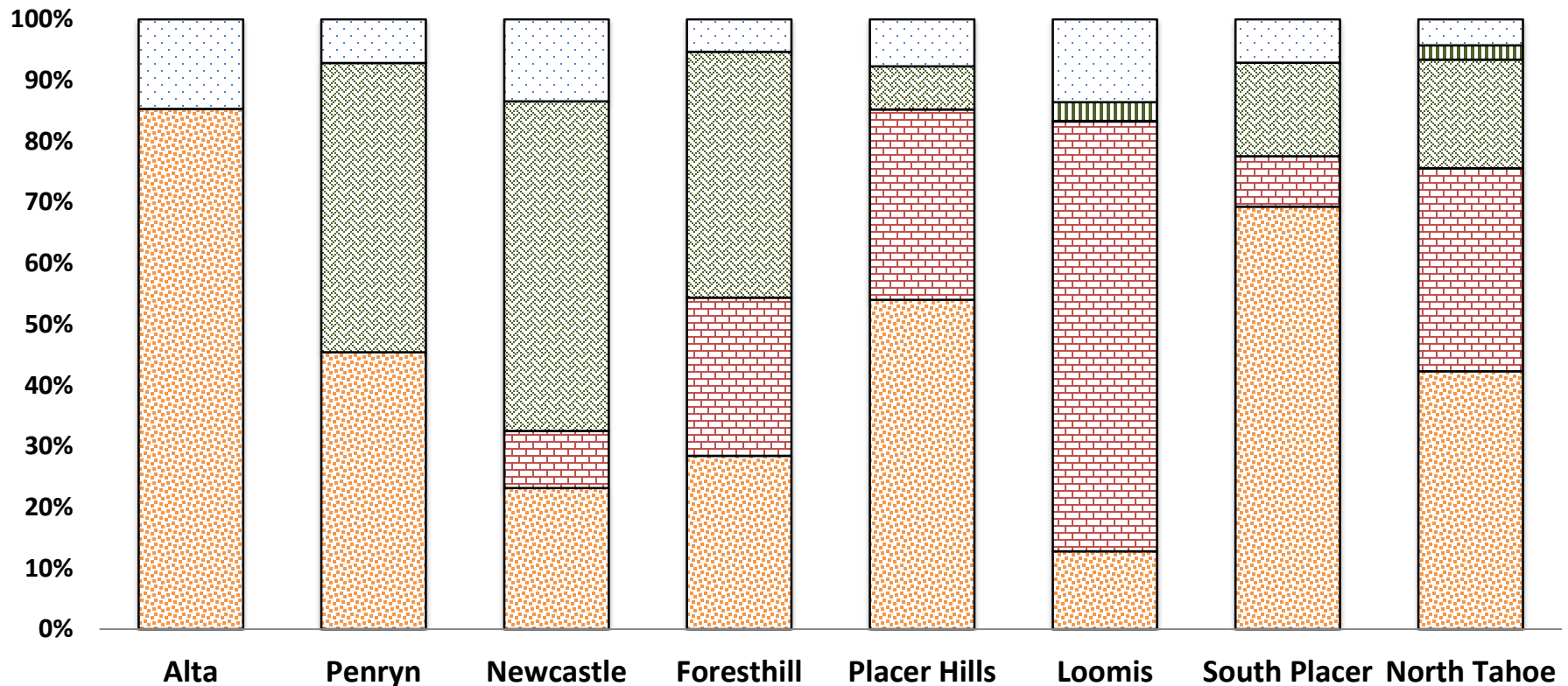
TOTAL TAXES

\$2,601.04

Breakdown of Property Taxes

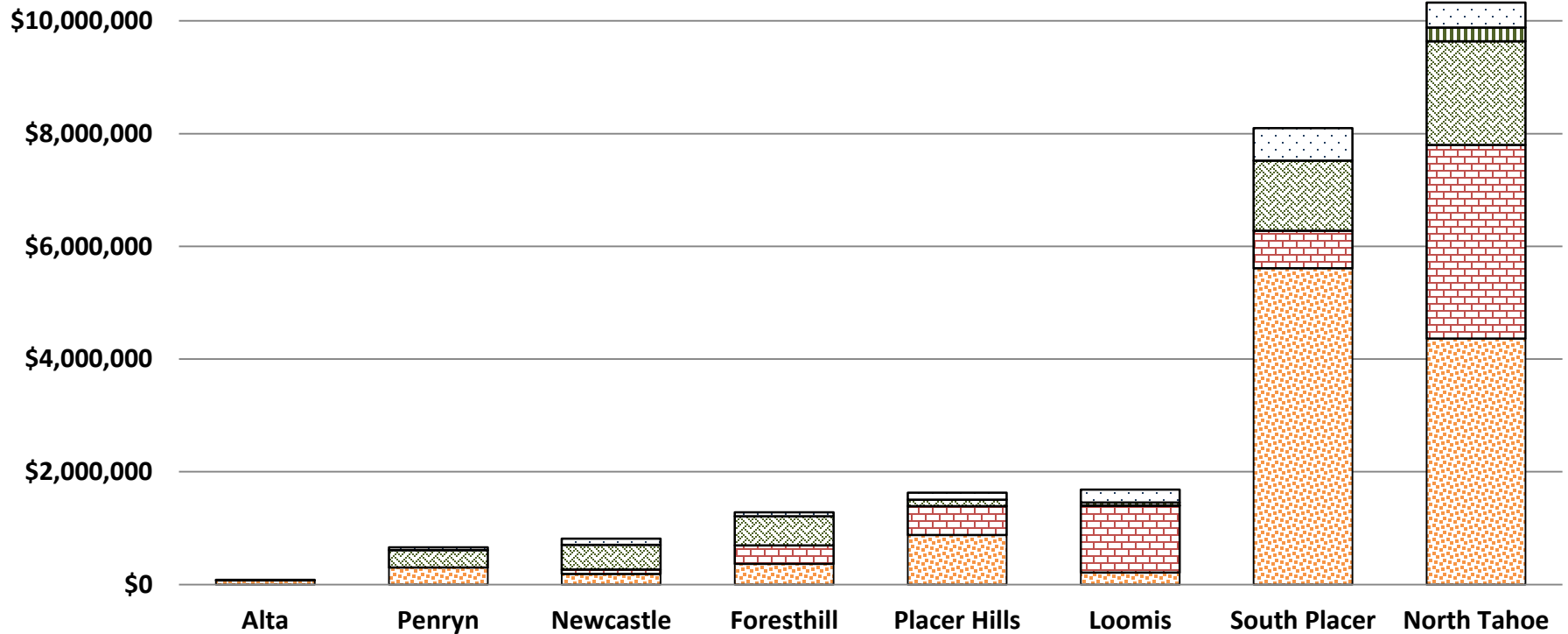
Schools	61.58%	\$1,460.46
County	18.05%	\$ 428.08
Cities	7.37%	\$ 174.79
Special Districts	6.14%	\$ 145.62
Former Redevelopment Agencies	4.01%	\$ 95.10
Multi-County Special Districts	2.85%	\$ 67.59
Total 1% Property Taxes	100.00%	\$2,371.64
Agency Fees and Direct Charges		\$229.40
Total Property Tax Bill		\$2,601.04

Where Does the \$ Come From?



- Other (Contributions, Interest, State)
- Federal
- Charges for Current Services (Reimbursements, Strike Teams)
- Voter-Approved Property Assessments
- Property Tax (1%)

Total Revenues



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Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT)

How Placer County Uses PILT Revenue:

- Feds own 397,347 acres in Placer County, but exempt from paying any property tax
- County receives \$605,000 in general purpose revenue.
- Just \$1.52 per acre to provide:
 - Sheriff response: 930 last year
 - Roads: Paving, maintenance, repair
 - Dispatch services

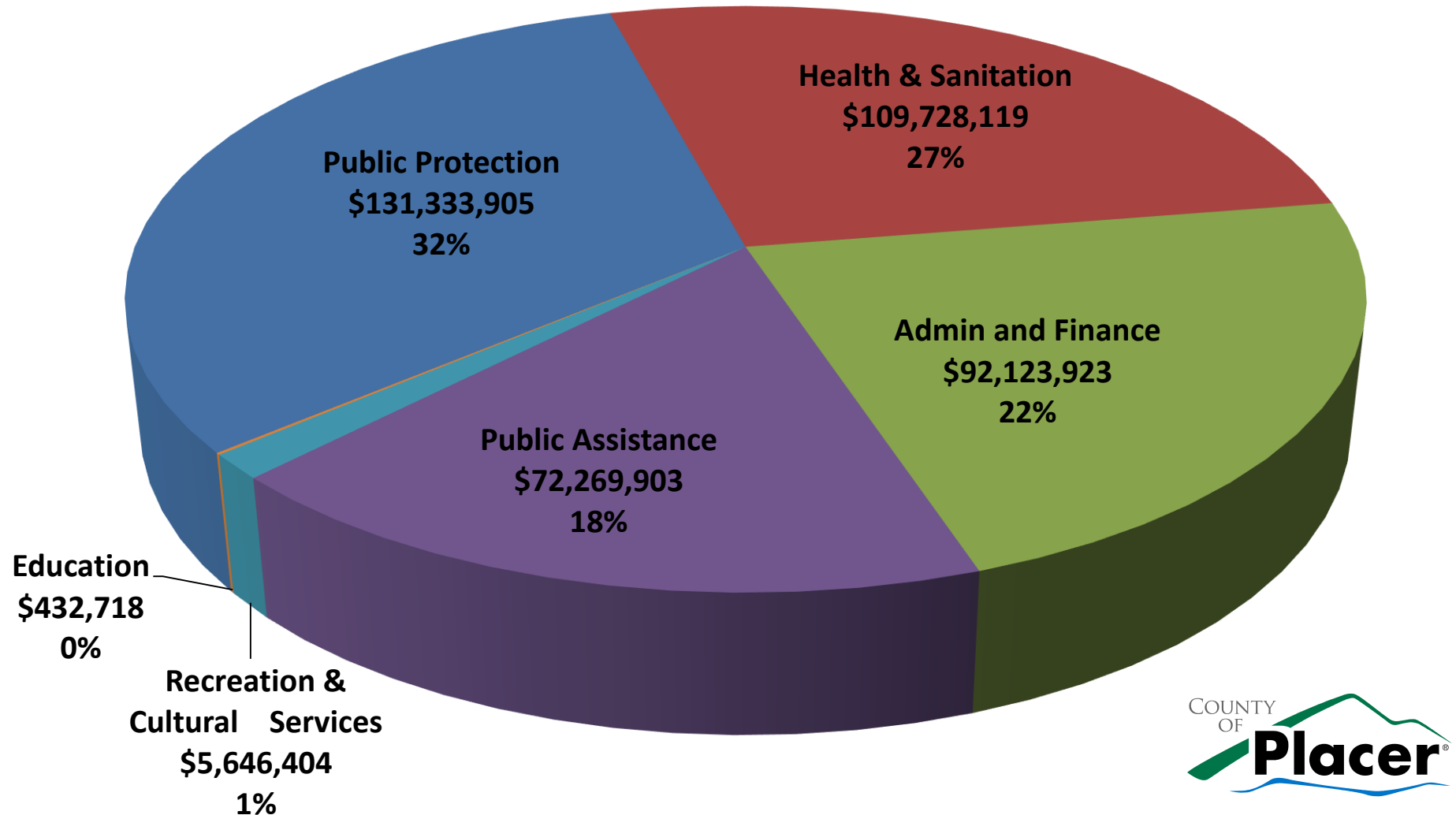
ERAF & Proposition 172

Education Revenue Augmentation Fund

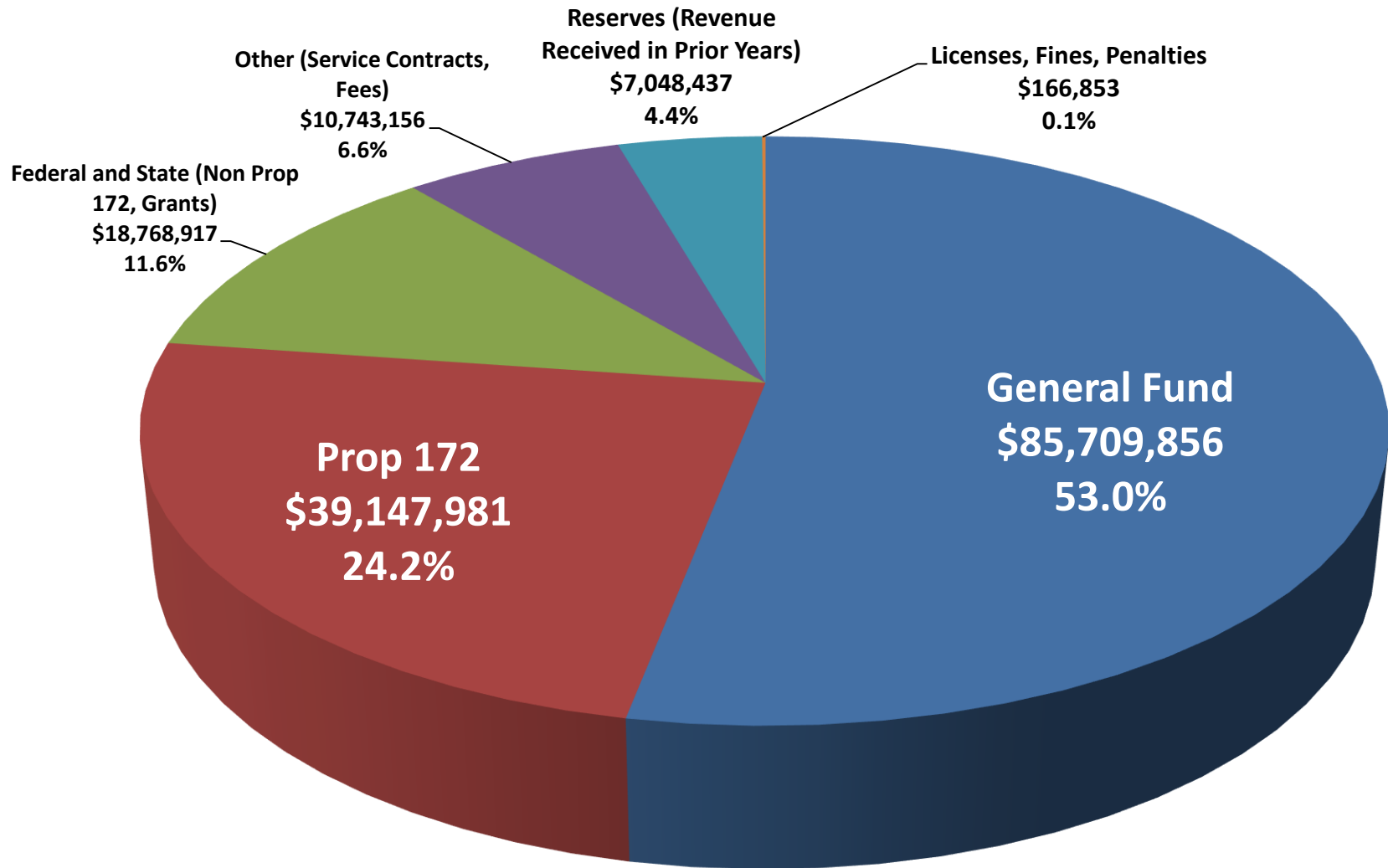
- The **ERAF** Shift: passed in 1992 and again in 1993 – shifted funding from counties to public schools
- Prop 172: passed in 1993 – 1/2 cent sales tax for public safety – did not fully offset losses from ERAF
- Counties, the primary losers under ERAF, were the primary recipients under Prop 172
- Funding was not intended to increase public safety, but rather to maintain public safety levels despite ERAF shift

Placer County General Fund Uses

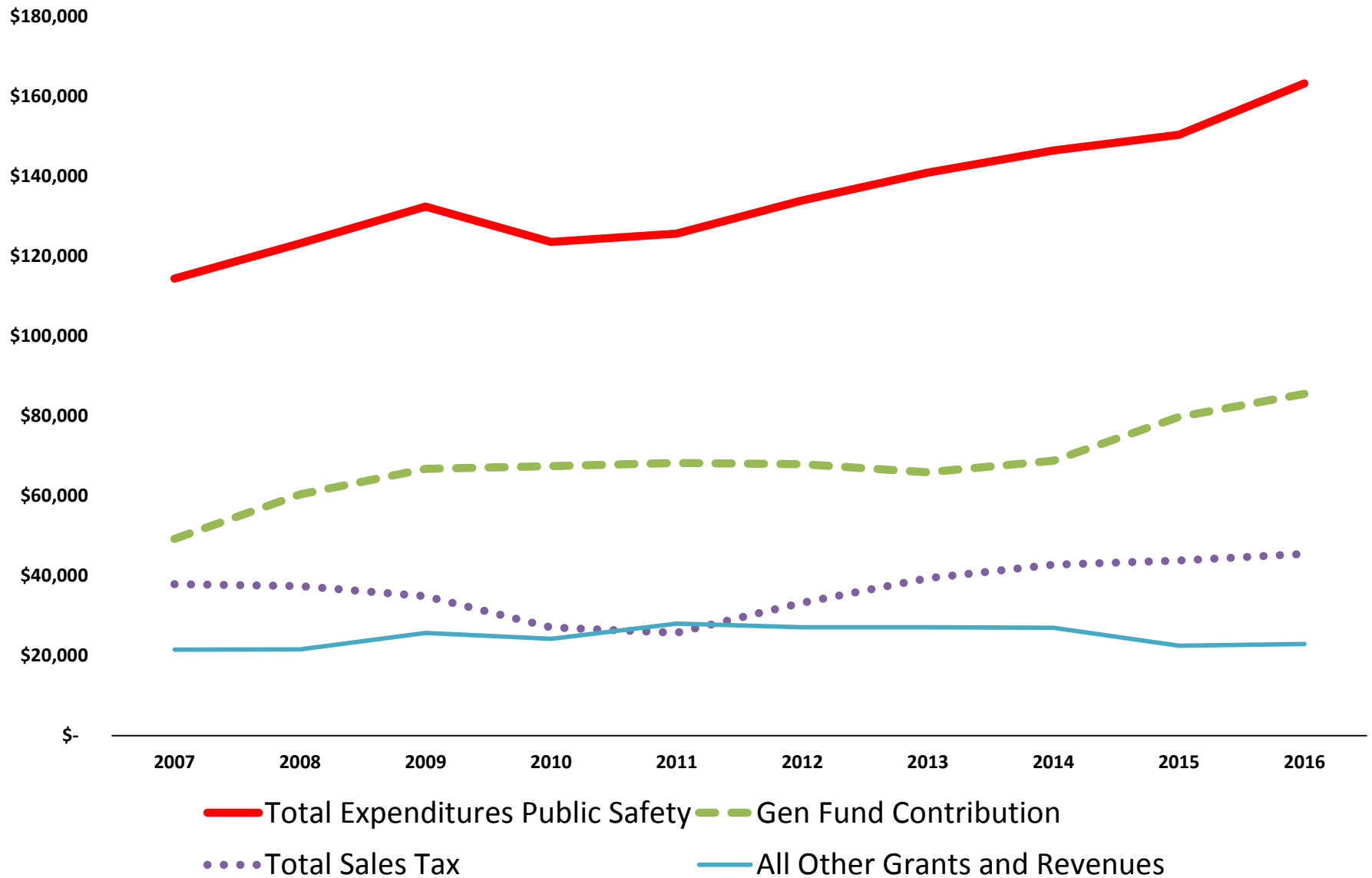
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Public Safety Funding Sources



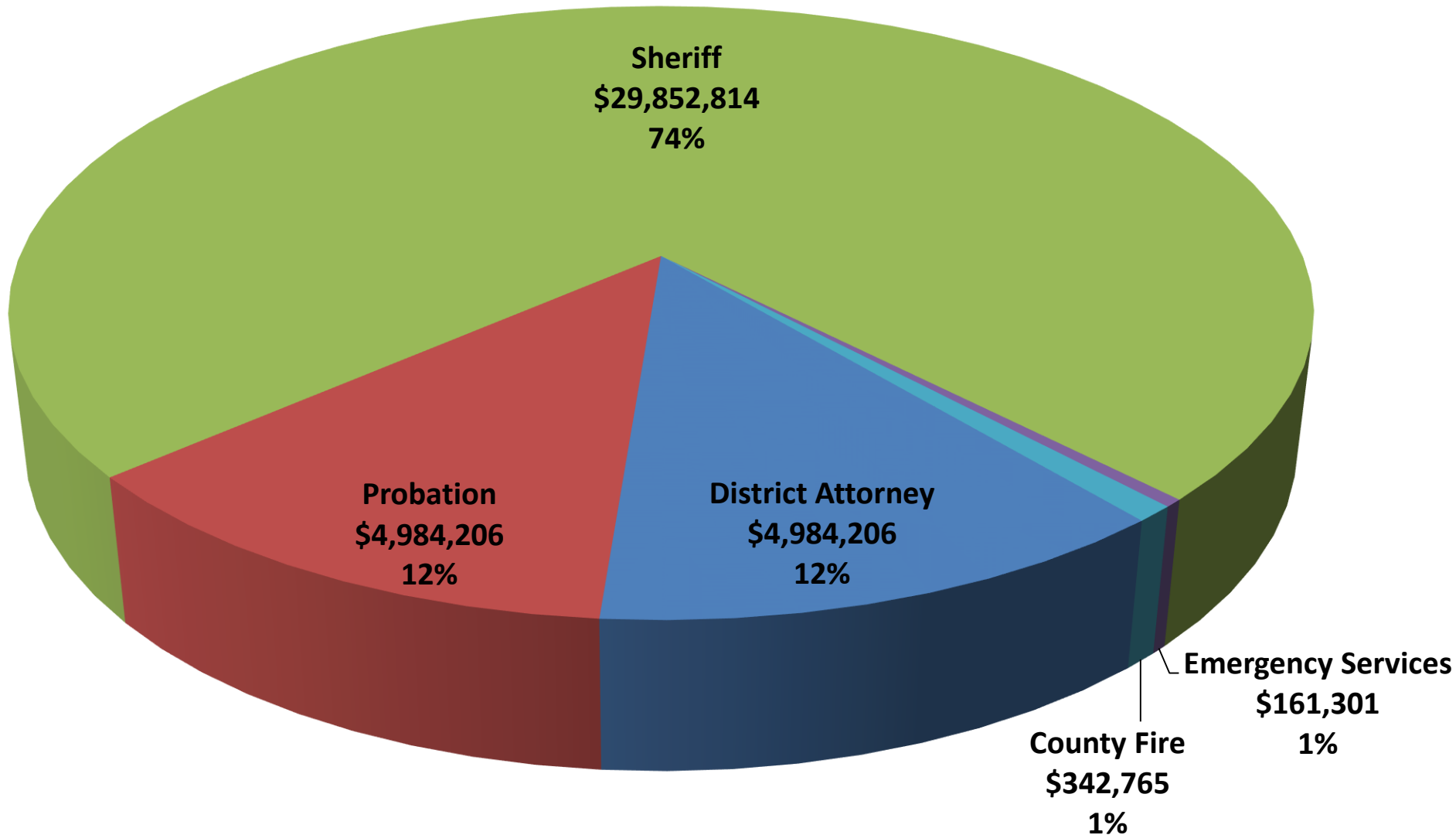
Public Safety Fund Revenues and Expenditures (in Thousands)



Prop 172 Funding – Where is it going?

FY 2015-16 PROJECTION

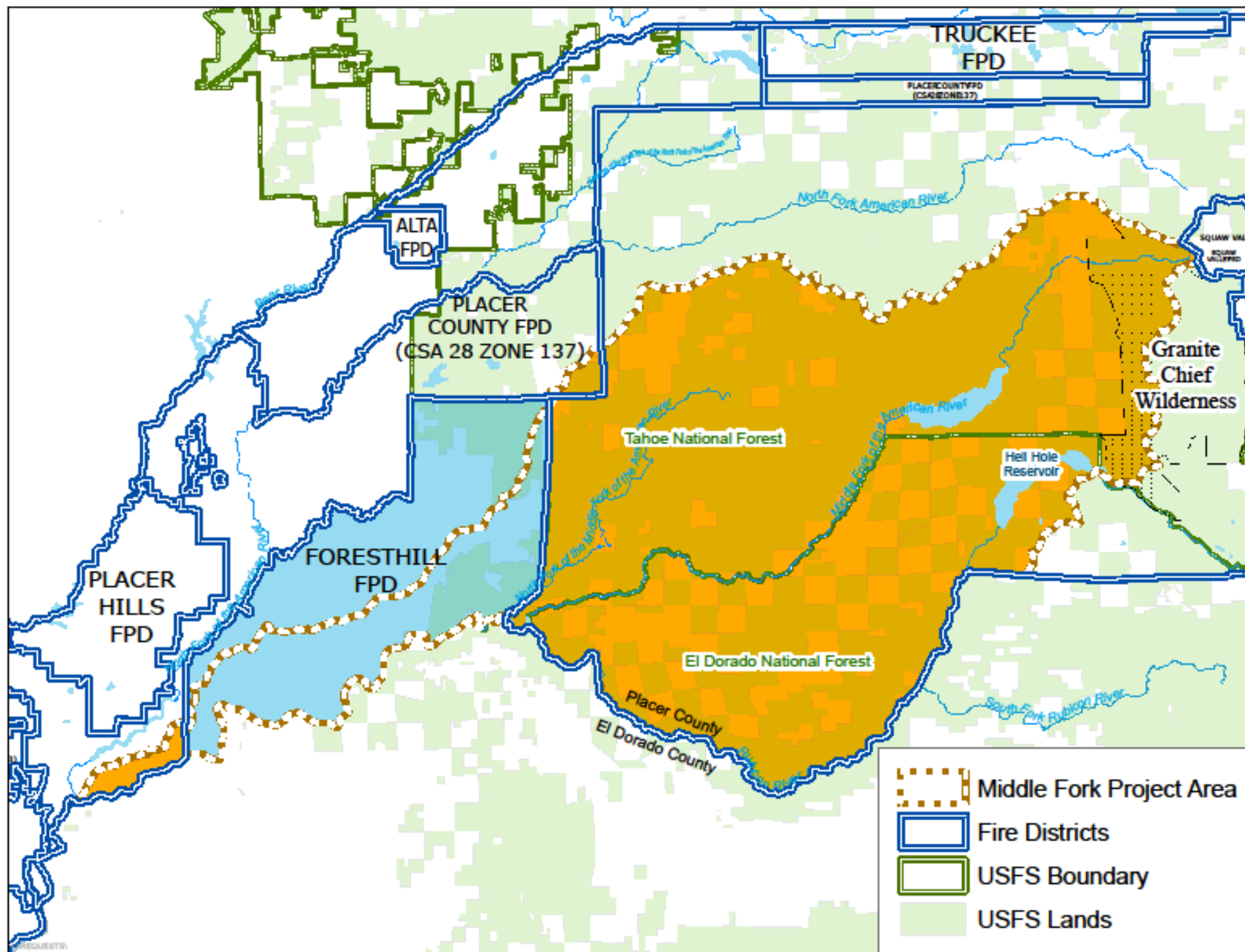
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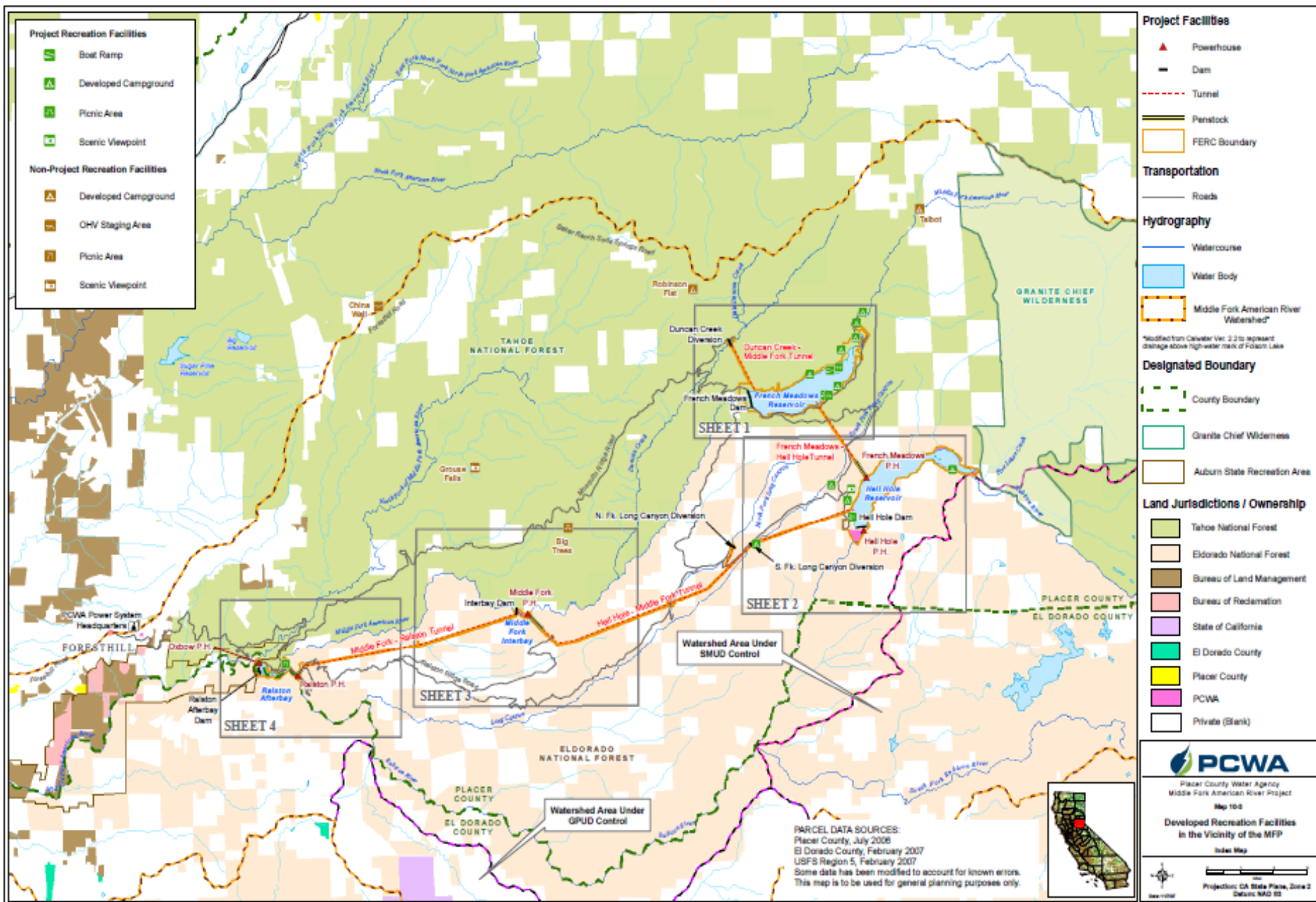


Middle Fork Project

Middle Fork Revenue:

By agreement with county pays \$17,508 for Fiscal Year 2015/16 to Foresthill Fire for “emergency services support in the Middle Fork Project area”





Other Middle Fork Funding

Other Middle Fork Project contributions come in the form of fuel reduction program projects – usually building fuel breaks which are very labor intensive

**2014: Foresthill Area - \$97,000
Auburn Area - \$32,000**

**2015: Foresthill Area - \$96,000
Auburn Area - \$35,000**

Fire Safety & Prevention Alliance and Fire Safe Councils

Placer County Fire Safe Alliance Mission

- ❖ **Our mission is to minimize catastrophic wildfire losses to values at risk such as life, property, and natural resources through:**
 - **Education**
 - **Fire mitigation planning efforts**
 - **Funding for coordinated fire safe projects and activities**

Fire Safety & Prevention Alliance and Fire Safe Councils

Foresthill / Iowa Hill Fire Safe Council Mission

- ❖ **The mission of the Foresthill/Iowa Hill Fire Safe Council is to protect natural resources, human life and property improvements by mobilizing our community to make their homes and neighborhoods fire safe.**

Fire Safety & Prevention

Firewise Communities

PLACER COUNTY FIREWISE COMMUNITIES					
COMMUNITY	LOCATION	NUMBER OF PARCELS	KICK OFF MEETING	BOARD FORMED	ASSESSMENT DATE
Trailhead Estates	Todd Valley area of Foresthill off of Nugget Dr.	59	2/2/2015	2/2/2015	4/27/2015
Eaglecrest Association Inc.	Off Spring Garden Rd. in Foresthill	80	4/14/2015	4/14/2015	4/22/2015
Monte Verde Estates	Foresthill Rd. above Drivers Flat	61		YES	6/18/2014
Little Oak Subdivision	Off Foresthill Rd. Foresthill	15			
Eagle Ridge Estates	Off Ponderosa Way in Foresthill	In progress			
McKeon Ponderosa	Off Foresthill Rd. Foresthill	In progress			
Black Hawk Estates	Black Hawk Rd. Off Foresthill Rd.	In progress			
Sugar Pine View	Stoney Falls Rd area off of Lone Star and HWY 49	30	YES	YES	2/9/2015
Olive Orchard	Aeolia Heights area of Auburn along canyon rim	38	YES	YES	3/4/2015
Shadow Rock Estates	Off Dry Creek Rd.		YES	YES	5/5/2015
Alpine Meadows HOA	Magra Rd. off I-80	123	6/9/2015	Yes	
Deer Ridge Estates	Off of Dry Creek by Chana High School		YES		
Wagon Trail HOA	Off Iowa Hill Rd. Colfax	7			
Secret Town	Community Off Secret Town Rd.	In progress			
Cape Horn	Community of Cape Horn	In progress			
Flood Rd.	Flood Rd. off of Lincoln Way Auburn	In progress			

Fire Safety & Prevention Grants

2014 Grant Successes

Grantor	Grant Type	Grant Name	Dollars	FSC Area
MFP	Hazard Mitigation	Baltimore Mine SFB I	\$ 45,000.00	FH/IH
MFP	Hazard Mitigation	Baltimore Mine SFB II	\$ 45,000.00	FH/IH
PG&E	Drought Hazard Mitigation	Portofino SFB	\$ 63,000.00	FH/IH
PG&E	Drought Hazard Mitigation	Pipeline II SFB	\$ 150,000.00	FH/IH
APCD	Clean Air Grant	Chipper Replacement	\$ 45,000.00	Placer County
PG&E	Drought Hazard Mitigation	Placer County Chipper Program	\$ 120,000.00	Placer County
PG&E	Drought Hazard Mitigation	Defensible Space Assistance	\$ 10,000.00	Placer County
PG&E	Drought Hazard Mitigation	Gillis Hill SFB	\$ 80,000.00	PSFSC
PG&E	Drought Hazard Mitigation	Alpine Meadows SFB	\$ 117,907.50	PSFSC
PG&E	Drought Hazard Mitigation	Long Point-Applegate SFB	\$ 219,000.00	PSFSC
USFS	Hazard Fuels on Private Land	Moody Ridge/Secret Town SFB	\$ 200,000.00	PSFSC
Total			\$ 1,094,907.50	

Fire Safety & Prevention Grants

2015 Grants Submitted

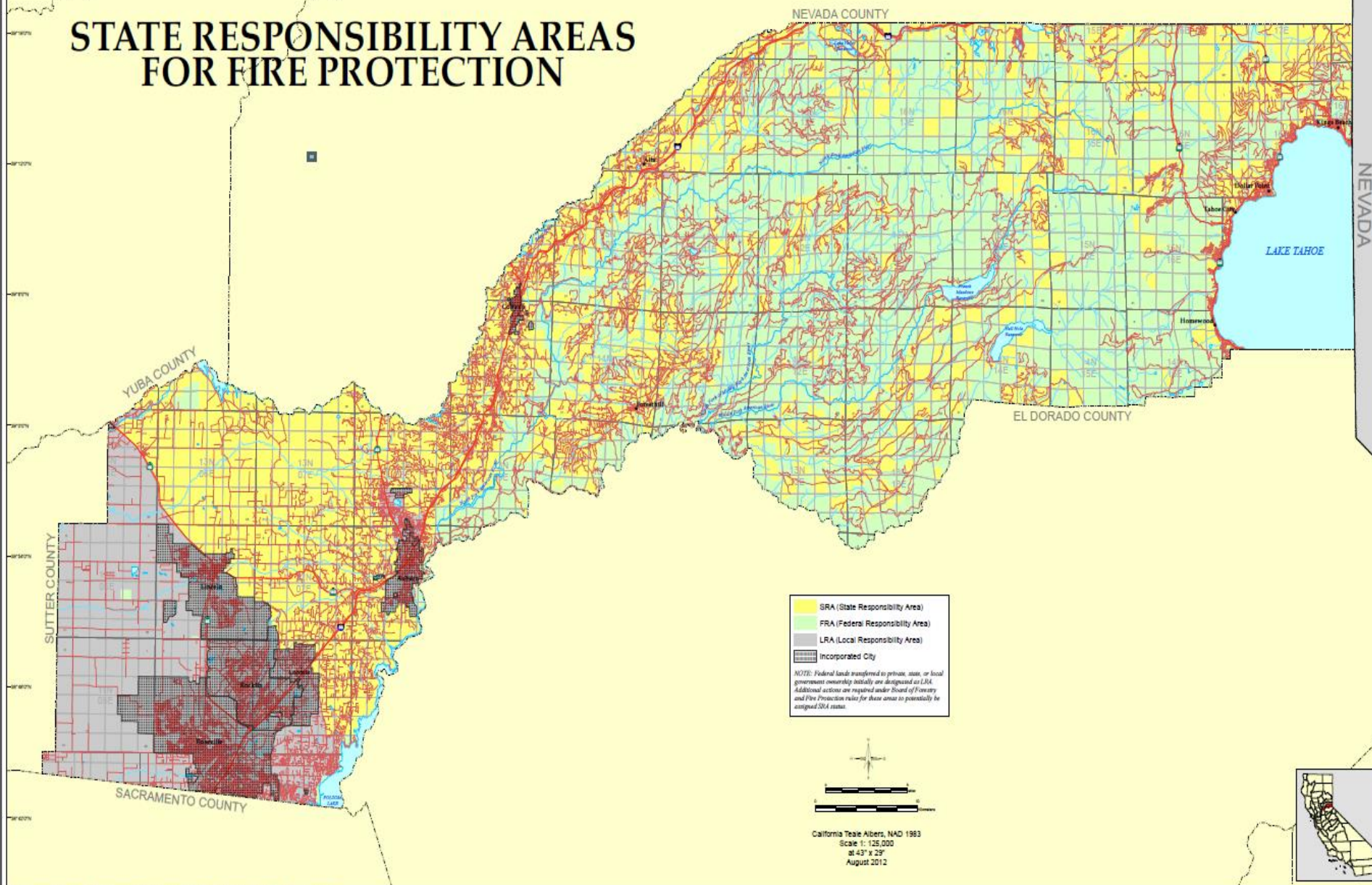
Grantor	Grant Type	Grant Name	Dollars	FSC Area
MFP	Hazard Mitigation	Mosquito Ridge Road	\$ 49,900.00	FH/IH
MFP	Hazard Mitigation	Todd Valley Pond SFB	\$ 49,900.00	FH/IH
CAL Fire	Hazard Mitigation	Monte Verde Extention SFB	\$ 300,000.00	FH/IH
FEMA	Hazard Mitigation	PS Canyon Rim Veg Mgmt	\$ 1,485,050.00	PSFSC
CAL Fire	Hazard Mitigation	Alpine Meadows Roadside Clearing	\$ 77,500.00	PSFSC
USFS	Hazard Fuels on Private land	Moody Ridge Completion	\$ 58,000.00	PSFSC
PG&E	Drought Hazard Mitigation	Signal Peak SFB	\$ 82,500.00	PSFSC
PG&E	Drought Hazard Mitigation	Moody Ridge to I 80	\$ 14,300.00	PSFSC
PG&E	Drought Hazard Mitigation	Lower McElroy	\$ 30,800.00	PSFSC
PG&E	Drought Hazard Mitigation	Moody Ridge Continued	\$ 47,100.00	PSFSC
PG&E	Drought Hazard Mitigation	McElroy Powerline	\$ 25,300.00	PSFSC
Total			\$ 2,220,350.00	

What about that SRA Fee?

2014 SRAFPF Grants

Grantor	Grant Type	Grant Name	Dollars	
Cal Fire	Hazard Mitigation	North Fork of the American River Fuel Break	\$	46,063.00
Cal Fire	Hazard Mitigation	Alpine Meadows Roadside Clearing	\$	76,880.00
Cal Fire	Hazard Mitigation	Placer County Chipper - Track Chipper	\$	200,000.00
Cal Fire	Hazard Mitigation	Placer County Chipper Program	\$	429,209.00
Total			\$	752,152.00

STATE RESPONSIBILITY AREAS FOR FIRE PROTECTION



What the Future May Hold

Fire Service Study:

- **About to get underway**
- **Opportunity to reset fire service across the Western Slope**
- **All options under full spectrum review**
- **Collaborative and cooperative process**

Supervisor Montgomery Closing Remarks



**Questions/Comments?
Thank you!**

Supervisor Jennifer Montgomery & Staff



How much does Placer County pay each year to CAL FIRE for fire protection across the entire Placer County Fire system?

FISCAL YEAR	AMOUNT
2013-14	\$8,752,503
2014-15	\$8,897,472
2015-16 *	\$9,657,936

*** IF BOS votes tomorrow to keep Station #182 open for the full year, this number will increase by roughly \$480K.**

Direct Charge Comparison

Placer County Fire Areas (Zone of Benefit = ZOB)

ZOB 193 North Auburn/Ophir – \$48.00 (Lowest fire tax in County)

ZOB 150 Dutch Flat – \$71.00

ZOB 76 Western Placer - \$79.80

ZOB 165 Dry Creek - \$199.60

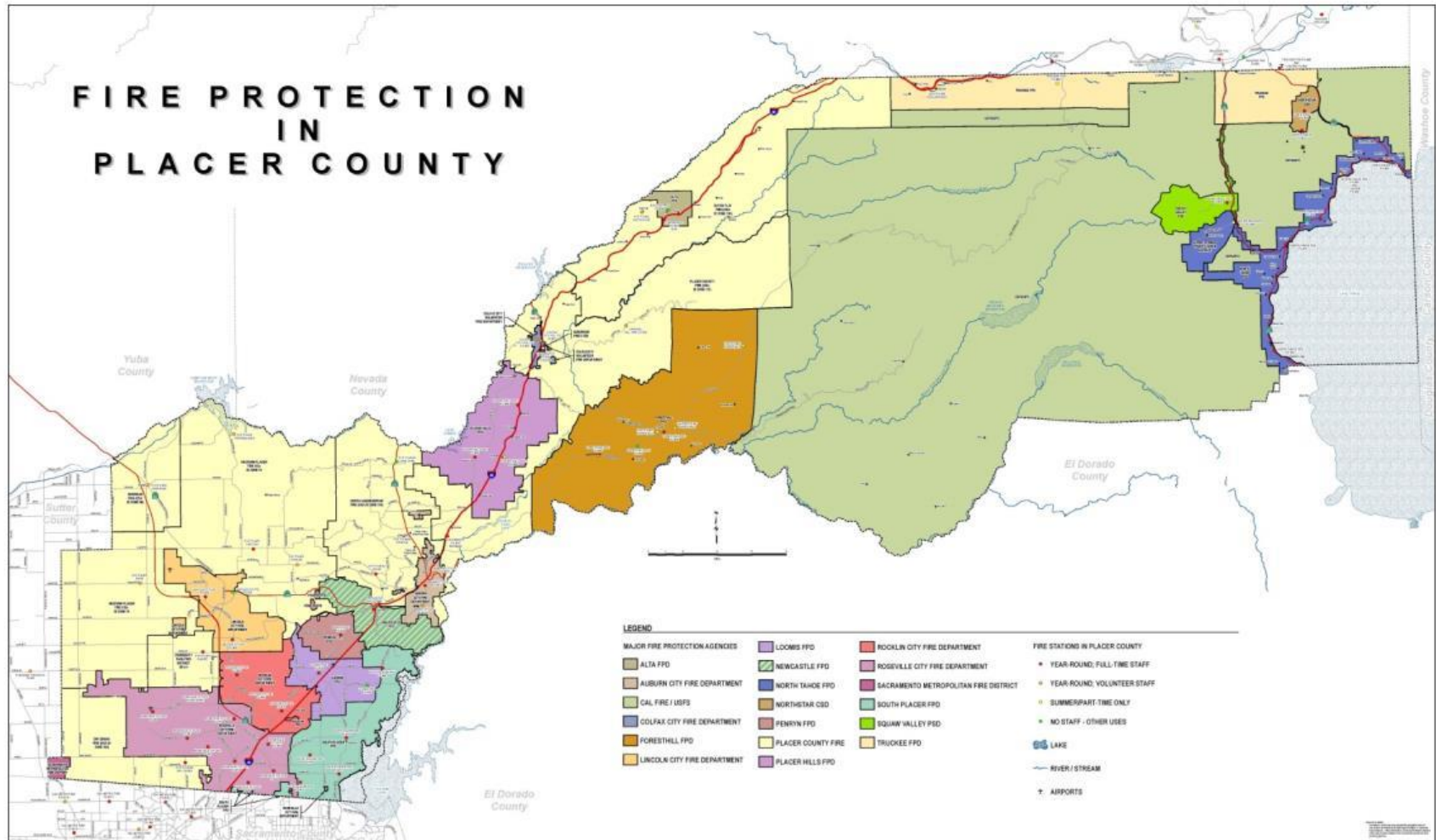
Bickford Ranch - \$463.48 (New Development)

Foresthill Fire District - \$121.36

- All numbers above refer to Single Family Residences only. Does not include duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, condos, commercial or industrial rates
- Different areas have different charges for Fire Service, even in Placer County Fire. ZOB 193 & 165 are not sustainable long term.



Placer County Fire



19 Fire Entities, yes 19!



Placer County Executive Office

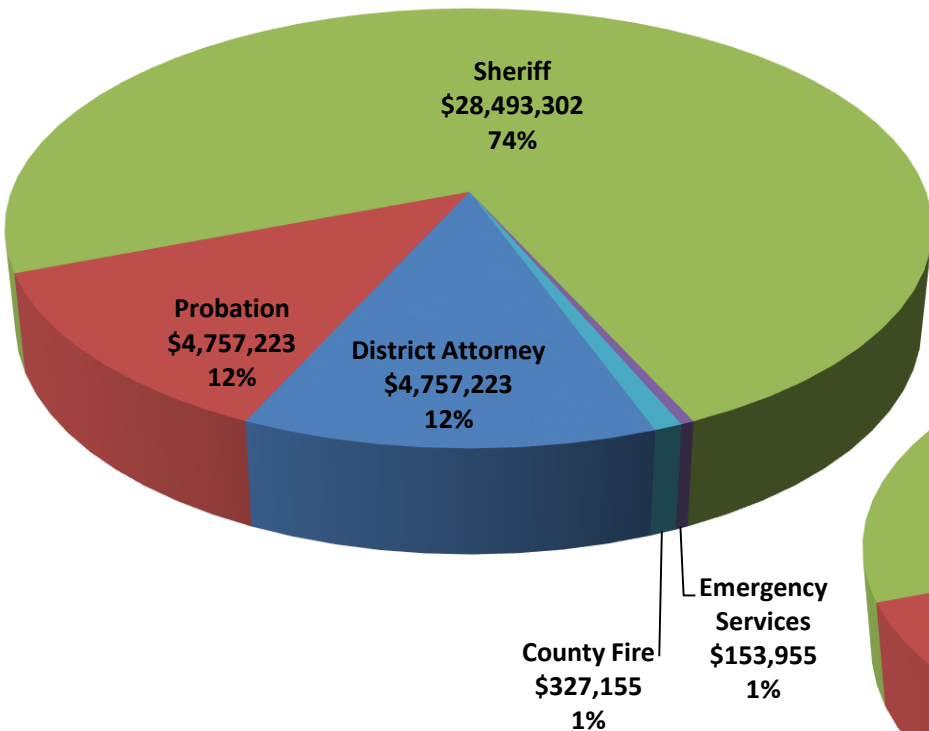
The Public Safety Fund includes the following FY 2015-16 Budgeted Expenditures:

EXPENDITURE DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	%
Salaries & Employee Benefits	\$113,547,972	71%
Services & Supplies	24,186,018	15%
Intra Fund Transfers	10,811,543	7%
Other Charges	8,524,311	5%
Capital Assets	2,504,368	2%
Other Financing Uses	932,087	1%
Appropriation for Contingencies	<u>362,159</u>	0%
Total Public Safety Fund	\$160,868,458	100%

Proposition 172 Funding – Where does it go?

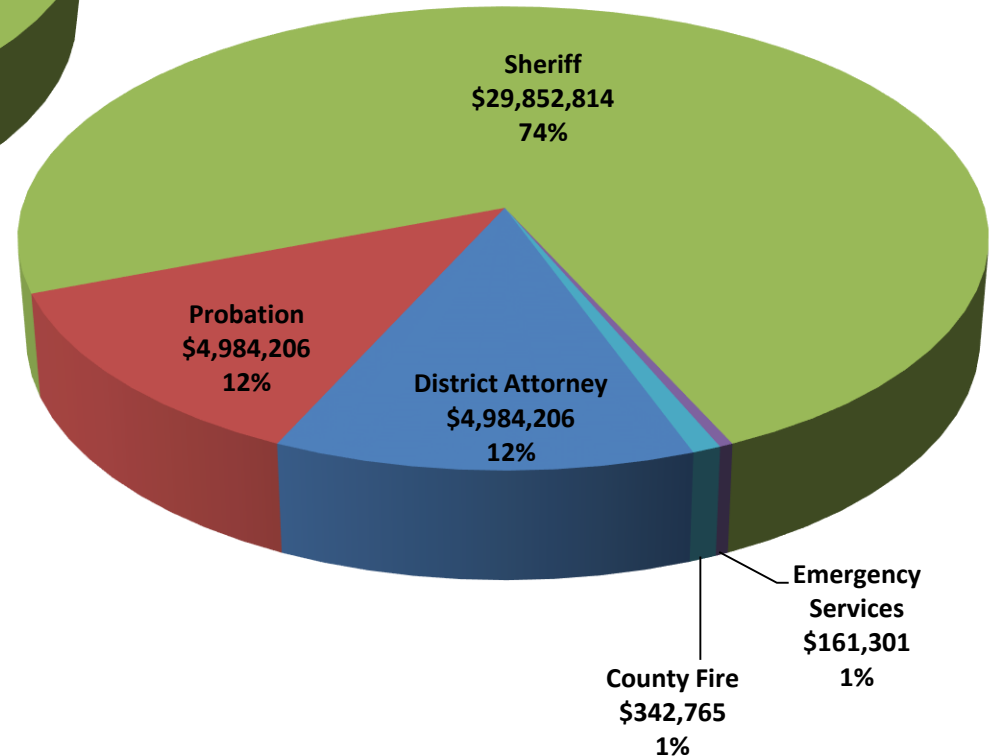
FY 2014-15 BUDGET

Total: \$38,488,858



FY 2015-16 PROJECTION

Total: \$40,325,293



Placer County General Fund Uses

FUNCTION	DESCRIPTION	\$AMOUNT	%
Public Protection	Contribution to Public Safety Fund**, flood control, and inspection functions	131,333,905	32%
Health & Sanitation	Adult and children health systems, medical clinics	109,728,119	27%
Admin and Finance	Board of Supervisors, Treasurer/Tax, Auditor, CEO. Assessor, other finance and administrative departments, property acquisition	92,123,923	22%
Public Assistance	Aid Programs, Human Services	72,269,903	18%
Recreation & Cultural Services	Parks and grounds, museums	5,646,404	1%
Education	Agriculture education	432,718	0%
	Total General Fund	\$ 411,534,972	100%

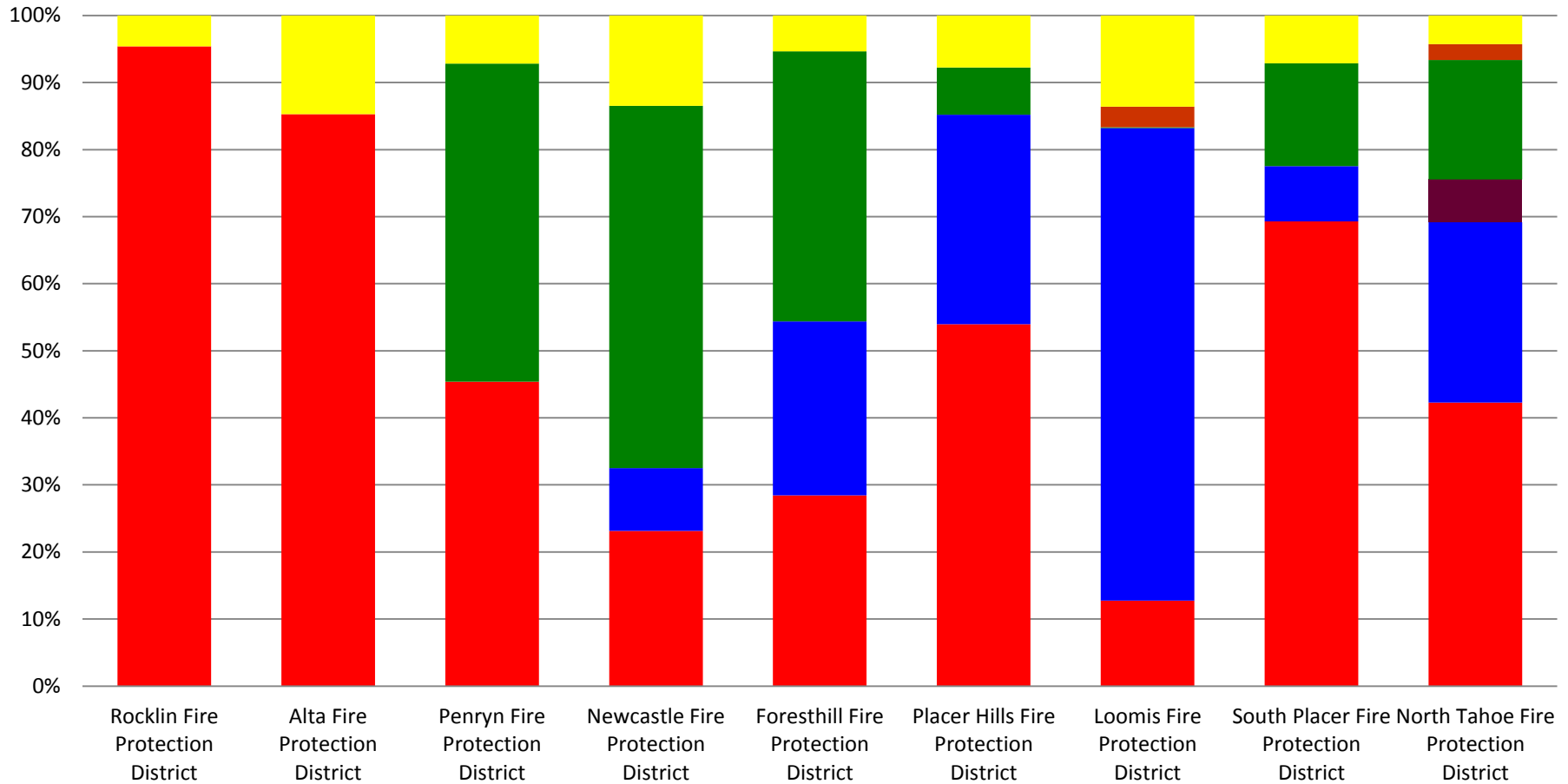
**The Contribution to the Public Safety fund includes \$85 million allocated to the Sheriff, Probation and District Attorney Offices (included in the table below) and \$1.1 million to the Fire Fund.

Proposition 172 Funding – Where does it go?

PAID TO:	FY 14/15 BUDGET	PROJECTION	%
District Attorney	4,757,223	\$ 4,984,206	12%
Probation	4,757,223	4,984,206	12%
Sheriff	28,493,302	29,852,814	74%
Emergency Services	153,955	161,301	0.40%
County Fire	327,155	342,765	0.85%
Total	\$38,488,858	\$40,325,293	100%

Placer County Independent Fire Districts

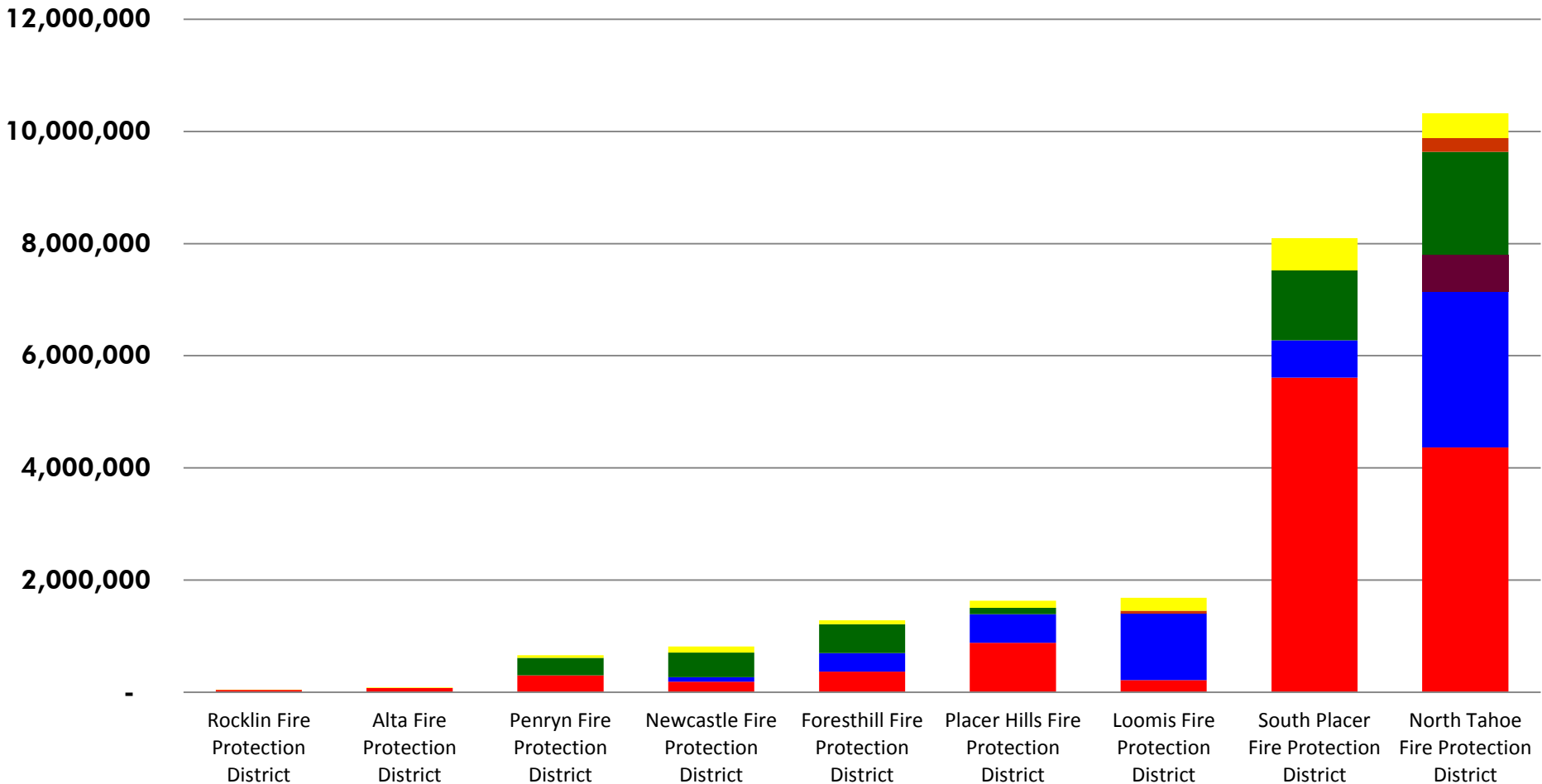
FY 2014 Revenue Source as a Percentage of Total Revenues



Funding source varies greatly across Fire Districts.

- Other
- Federal
- Charges for Current Services (Reimbursements, Strike Teams)
- Voter-Approved Special Assessments (Mello-Roos)
- Voter-Approved Property Assessments
- Current Secured and Unsecured (1%)

Placer County Independent Fire Districts FY 2014 Total Revenues by Source



**And revenues vary greatly
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